



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Exxon Co USA/West Field Site
1540 Meeting Street Road, Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 20, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 14-6302-NRP, will affect approximately 1.57 acres identified as Tract VII-B1 and by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Number 464-00-00-043. A company known as Charleston Neck Storage LLC ("CNS") wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and CNS.

Meeting Street Road is located to the west of the Property with residential and commercial properties beyond; the Kingdom Hall of Jehova's Witnesses is located to the north; vacant land is to the east; and the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command is located to the south. In 1992, the 188.4 acre parcel of Exxon Corporation was subdivided to create Tracts I through VII. The Property is a portion of Tract VII. From the early 1900s to the mid 1980s, the Property was known as "West Field Area" of the former Exxon Corporation facility aka Exxon Distribution Terminal. Two of the five approximately 500,000 gallon petroleum above ground storage tanks (ASTs) in the West Field Area were located on the Property. When lead was added to the petroleum in the ASTs, sludge was created at the bottom of the tanks. The sludge was reportedly buried in trenches on the Property. One of the ASTs was destroyed by fire and the remaining AST was removed. The Property has been vacant land since 1989.

CNS intends to acquire the Property and construct a three level self storage building with driveways, parking lots and loading areas. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow CNS to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. CNS did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under the proposed contract, CNS will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, CNS will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC will not hold CNS responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, CNS will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 20, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email OvercaJC@dhec.sc.gov telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.